

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee
Minutes April 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Members in attendance were:

Andy McCollough, Chair
Keith Carodine
Joe Delfino
Jessica Harland-Jacobs
Mike Katovich
Dave Kratzer
Jamie McCloskey
Edward Minchin
Rebecca Pauly
Mike Sagas - FAR
Linda Tealer

Agenda

1. Review and approval of the minutes from the February 20, 2013 meeting
2. Student Athlete Interviews: Progress and Problems
3. Tutor Survey: Results and Administrative Issues
4. Center Proposal
5. Website Update
6. Sports Performance Major
7. FAR Report
8. Liaison Update
9. Student Update
10. Other Business

ITEM 1

The minutes of the last meeting February 20, 2013, were distributed to the committee via email and with modifications were accepted as written.

ITEM 2 Student Athlete Exit Interviews

Discussion began asking faculty to share their experiences with this project. There have been only minimal interviews conducted, and even a return response from the student athletes has been marginal. Many of the faculty members have been persistent, emailing and calling the SA's but the outcome has proven to be less than desired. Similar to the previous year's practice of offering a lunch to the graduating seniors, the efforts this term has had little success. Several suggestions were made:

1. *Instead of a Senior Exit Survey in the final term; we identify a Senior "Year" Exit Survey and begin the contact of the students in the fall to schedule some time over the course of the year to receive their feedback. Spring 2013 term, the list was distributed at the end of February, but even giving two months did not allow enough time.*

2. Assign all the students to faculty members, if you are able to connect with two out of six, it still allows all SA's an opportunity to meet instead of a random selection of the graduating SA's.
3. We could assign a faculty member to a sports team to solicit feedback but there was hesitation to conduct the interview as a group since the dominant member would likely provide the feedback.

Linda Tealer shared that the "Online Survey" required to be completed by exiting seniors given by the UAA only has a response rate of 30%. The committee members agreed to continue the efforts since the feedback obtained was useful. The members were encouraged to complete as many as possible and we will have a full report at the final spring meeting scheduled for May 1st.

ITEM 3 Tutor Survey: Results and Administrative Issues

Thanks to Mike Sagas and his support staff, all of the paper copies of the 2012 Tutor Survey were loaded and an analysis was distributed to the members today. As the group discussed, a suggestion was made to include the follow-up questions i.e. **Question I** that helped identify what was copied when the student replied yes to **Question H**. This was a summary in an attempt to share the findings with the committee, but we will work to consolidate the full report and include the necessary follow-up questions. This information was very helpful as we identified several questions that need to be reworded and even one that could be omitted. This Spring 2013, we will use the current survey and reevaluate in the fall. The survey will be distributed at the mandatory team meetings. A list of the dates for those team meetings was shared and any team that we do not have a faculty member available to assist, we will ask the UAA office to distribute and collect the survey.

ITEM 4 Center Proposal

An updated version of the Center Proposal was provided by Mike Sagas. This new iteration attempts to focus on the intersection between the academics and sports of student athletes. The previous version was trying to draw in support from the SEC or NCAA and upon re-evaluation of the University's needs, we are moving in this newest direction. Please take some time to review this latest version and provide Mike feedback so we can get the project moving forward.

ITEM 5 Website

We continue to request your feedback on the website in an effort to display the expectations of excellence in the intersection of athletics and academia. We need to provide some video for the site and perhaps could encourage one of our participants in the exit interview to allow us to film and use. <http://iac.aa.ufl.edu/home.aspx>

ITEM 6 Sport Performance Major

An article from the Chronicle of Higher Education dated November 26, 2012 resurfaced and brought about some interesting conversation in the Academic Affairs office. Dr. McCollough wanted to share with the committee the article located at <http://chronicle.com/article/End-the-Charade-Let-Athletes/135894/> and encourage a discussion of a major that focusses on how to teach, coach and basically major in sports. Keith Carodine mentioned several years ago they had an Interdisciplinary program that

students could take but currently we only offer it to Honors Students. Question whether we could add to the Sports Management degree offering.

ITEM 8 & 9 Liaison & Student Updates

The only liaison update came from Keith Carodine mentioning an email should be distributed today with an invitation to the spring graduation luncheon scheduled for Thursday, April 25th. Neither of our student representatives were present.

ITEM 7 FAR Report

Mike Sagas began by sharing the date of his Faculty Senate presentation as UF's FAR scheduled for May 8th. He will share with the committee his intended presentation, but requests members to forward suggested items they feel would be beneficial to include. He then briefly described being included in the UNC SACS review team investigating the charges against UNC. Once the public document has been released, he would like to ask for a sub- committee of the IAC consisting of 1 UAA member, 1 Faculty member and him as the FAR to review and create a bullet point document for the whole committee to review in the fall. This experience and the circumstances that occurred at UNC provides an opportunity to review UF's procedures and practices and determine if we have any weak areas of oversight.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.